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Sports, Goodyear Tie For First In Softball Play

The race for the first-half championship of the Torrance Industrial Softball League wound up in a two-way tie between the Sports Club and Goodyear Synthetic Rubber teams, each winning eight games and losing one.

Final standings for the first round as submitted by the Recreation Department are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Sports Club	8	1
Goodyear Rubber	8	1
Shepard Brothers	7	2
National Supply Co.	4	5
Columbia Steel	4	5
Dow Chemical Co.	3	6
Ravens Club	3	6
Mead Johnson Co.	3	6
Callihan's Cementers	2	7
Shell Chemical Co.	2	7

Play in the second round started Wednesday, June 26, and will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through July 27, at which time softball will step aside for the annual Torrance Baseball Elimination Tournament which features a game each night through the month of August. Softball league play will be resumed in September.

Second round results to date: Shepard Bros. 6, Shell Chemical 5; Dow Chemical 8, Goodyear 0; Ravens 9, Shepard Bros. 10; National Supply 24, Callihan's Cementers 8.

The playoff for the first half championship as announced to be played on Tuesday, July 9, has been changed, with the consent of all managers involved, to the preceding night, Monday, July 8, at 8:30 o'clock.

On Tuesday, July 9, Elmer "Red" Moon of the City Recreation staff, promises some "red hot" ball in an all-boys night doubleheader, featuring four of the fastest clubs in the Summer Playground Leagues.

Brilliant Wolf Chucker Suffers TAL Bat Defeat

The Torrance American Legion club grabbed a strangle hold on the visiting Wolf Manufacturers ers here Sunday in Torrance city park when the local nine took 10 hits and six runs off Wolf hurler Davis, with Buck Kuhn, Bob McNeil, H. Faulkenbury and Swayne Johnson taking him for two-baggers each.

McNeil also received three hits for four trips to the plate, to lead his team mates in batting honors for the day.

Davis, a very smart moundster, mixed up curves, fast balls and slow balls, but the TAL boys were cruising the beam in this game and won it 6-2. The Wolf flinger had Hal Jackson's number, however, and the lanky first baseman was unable to connect for a long drive.

Bob White started in the box for TAL, allowed three hits and one run in five innings. He was relieved by Gar Johnson, who gave up one run, one hit and struck out five in his four innings.

Batteries: Wolf — Davis and Firoman. TAL — B. White, G. Silligo and B. Hicks.

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Next Sunday the Torrance American Legion plays Eastside Beer in the city park. The game will start at 2:15 p.m.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is offering for sale surplus canned asparagus located in California.

The closing date for requests and trade offers to purchase this commodity will be 5:00 (E.S.T.), July 11, 1946. Further information and a copy of the announcement may be obtained from Ben N. Stuckey, Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.

P.V. Country Club In Green Fee Increase

Increase in green fees at Palos Verdes Country club, from the current price to \$3.00 for holiday and week-end play, will go into effect tomorrow. The price boost was approved by the Palos Verdes City Council after members had pledged approximately \$25,000 annually for maintenance of the hillside links.

The Torrance membership committee, during the past week has had its name changed to Slim Silligo's Sales Staff. The local committee members, which include George Fritts and Wallace Post, turned in three more new members in the past few days, bringing the total number of men enrolled in the membership proposal to 23 and placing Torrance second only to San Pedro in the standing of towns.

Those signing over the week-end included George Probert, Van H. Barnard and Dean Barkdull.

Two women players, Virginia Montague and Marian Finley, also signed with the women's club, making total of the club's 38 members from this city, which includes Mrs. Myrtle Diley, chairman of the board of directors.

Silligo announced today that a limited number of members warned local masnie welders that when the 250 maximum total is reached, others will be required to pay the higher week-end fees. Membership on the annual basis is somewhat lower than green fee costs, he pointed out.

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STRIPTEEES

By John P. Strippling

ANOTHER TARTAR TEES WITH THE PROS . . . The Cincinnati Reds last week took another Tartar baseballer into their club at Ogden, Utah. Gil "The Beard" Bennett reported to us a ticket was forthcoming from the Reds' Pacific Coast scout which will see him once again catching "Arky" Joe's vicious hurts.

"The scout saw me play, and I guess that convinced him that I should be playing for his club—and not against it," Gil boasted modestly. "Anyway, I'm glad Joe and I are teamed together again—sure hope there ain't no slip-up on this deal," the 16-year-old "Beard" frowned.

"You know what happened up there?" He asked us, and before we could ask where, he had belittled: "The manager of that Visalia club was a catcher! And here's the pay-off—he wanted me to play in the outfield! Me, a fair boy in any league—you admitted that yourself in a column once." He was quick to let us know. We admitted everything, and Gil left the office mumbling to himself. We also hope there is no slip-up, because the guy is a top catcher.

WHO'D HE EVER WHIP, THEY ASK . . . The first time we wandered into a gym where fighters were "working-out," we heard for the first time that time-worn question: "Who'd he ever whip?" No champion, in our time, has fought a little fight without some guy asking: "So he did! But, who'd he ever whip?"

It reminds us of the cockney drunk in an English bar, who sat patiently listening to another stew praise a picture of an English statesman which hung on the wall. The praiseful drunk would say over and over again: "The greatest man that England ever had!" The patient stew would hear him through and then ask: "Well, what'd 'e do?" The first drunk would answer: "I don't know, but he was in the picture."

The second drunk could not figure out what the man in the picture had done, other than just being in the picture, so each time he would repeat his question, and each time it would be nastier until finally he found himself smothered with the fists of the first drunk.

Arguing about who'd he ever whip brings results similar to the above nonsensical chatter. A statement is made, which brings forth a question—then comes the answer.

"Dempsey is the greatest champion in ring history," says one. This prompts the age-old question. The answer: "Why, Firpo, that's who!" Again the question. The answer: "Why, why—a kid named Joe, that's who!" And so far into the night until—one, or the other is slugged out.

Recently, a typical "sad-sack," asked: "Who did Joe Louis ever whip?"

Oh, brother! If you have ever laced a pair of boxing gloves on your mits, you won't truthfully ask, "who did the champ ever whip?" Even if he has a record like Jack Dempsey.

Now don't get mad, men, but the best man Dempsey ever whipped in the prize ring as a champion, was a 169-pound Frenchman, Georges Carpentier, and the bout was on par with the recent Louis-Conn affair.

Mendoza Grabs Shot At Martin In Bowl Friday

Two of the most popular featherweight fighters of the Harbor area, both Wilmington boys, Davey Mendoza and Joe Villalobos, share the spotlight in the double main event which heads the amateur boxing show at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow (Friday) night.

Mendoza, a fast-stepping, clever puncher managed by Jack Sasser, Wilmington businessman, will meet Bill Martin of Los Angeles Main Street gym, while Villalobos, a comparative newcomer to the feature-bout row, takes on Joe Cooper of Watts, in the first half of the twin main go.

Promoter - matchmaker Joe Craig, who crammed the Bowl's largest crowd in more than a decade into the Harbor arena last week for another all-action show, has mapped a Wilmington vs. Watts theme for his supporting show, the first preliminary on the eight-bout show beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Pete Negrete, a popular Wilmington bantamweight, takes on Pete Mendoza of Watts; Pat Williams, 150-pound slugger from Terminal Island Navy Base who has won two straight by layovers, faces Art Castro of Watts; Duke Chronister of Bellflower meets Funky Acevez of Watts in a lightweight go; Bob Chronister, Duke's younger but bigger brother, faces Sammy Wattenburg of Santa Ana. Two other preliminaries will complete the show.

Boys Softball League Play To Start Next Week

Tuesday, July 9, marks the start of play in the Torrance Recreation Summer Softball leagues for boys 16 years of age and under. On that date the Flying Tigers open the season with the B.S.A. Troop 219 team at the City Park at 9:00 a. m., and the Tampicoes play the second game at 10:30 with the Bobcats.

Wednesday at 10:30 a. m., Torrance boys play hosts to Manhattan Beach in an inter-city league game at the park. In the evening at 5:30 o'clock, the Dodgers and the Hammerton Tract Hoboes christen the new municipal softball field on Fern ave. at El Dorado st.

On Friday, the Black Widows play the Hoboes at 5:30 p. m. on the Fern ave. grounds, and the Monarchs play Troop 219 in the 9:00 a. m. game at the park, following which the Seals play the Bobcats at 10:30. On Saturday, the Lion Cubs vs. the Monarchs at 9 a. m., and the Hawks vs. Seals at 10:30.

High Scores Here For Week Ending June 30 Given

Torrance Police Revolver Club scores for the week ending June 30 are the following:

Name	Strings	Ave.
E. Ashton	2	285.
L. Berry	3	283.
O. Medicus	3	274.
E. Miller	3	260.
A. Thompson	2	254.
E. De Bra	1	239.
R. Chapman	2	232.

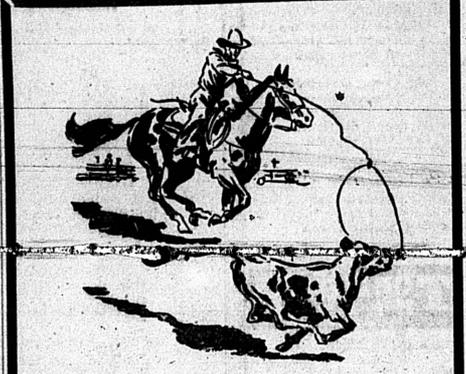
The above scores are 38 caliber and were recorded by Major F. A. Tiffany at the Torrance Police Course.

Police Captain Ernie Ashton again drew a slow fire possible and reveals that the day he strikes a slow, time and rapid possible he will throw his gun at the target, resign his police job and tour the country gloating.

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